XXVI.

ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA.

Butterfly Weed.

PLATE XXVI.

Few genera are more curious and intricate in their structure, than that to which our present article belongs. The plants which constitute the family of Asclepias are so peculiar in their habit, that they are easily recognized even by the inexperienced botanist, while their minute structure is so complicated, as to require not a little attention for its perfect development. This fine race of plants are so abundant in the United States, that every month of the summer season presents us a number of beautiful species. By far the most rich and gaudy of these in appearance is the Asclepias tuberosa, known by the vulgar names of *Butterfly weed* and *Pleurisy root*, and found in dry sandy soils, pine woods, &c. from Massachu-